



**Santa Cruz County  
Regional Transportation Commission  
Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)**

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**MINUTES**

Thursday, June 18, 2015, 1:30 p.m.  
SCCRTC Conference Room  
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

**ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eliza Yu, AMBAG  
Taylor Bateman, Scotts Valley Planning  
Russell Chen, County Planning Proxy  
Murray Fontes, Watsonville Public Works and Planning Proxy  
Scott Hamby, Scotts Valley Public Works  
Steve Wiesner, County Public Works  
Joshua Spangrud, Santa Cruz Public Works  
Claire Fliesler, Santa Cruz Planning

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rachel Moriconi  
Karena Pushnik  
Tegan Speiser  
George Dondero

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eric Child, Santa Cruz Resident  
Jack Nelson, Campaign for Sensible Transportation

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- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Wiesner called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
  - 2. Introductions:** Self introductions were made.
  - 3. Oral Communications:** Jack Nelson shared his opinion on highway projects, reducing demand for road systems, and climate change costs to society should be considered in decisions.
  - 4. Additions/Changes to consent and regular agenda:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Fontes moved and McClendon seconded approval of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Chen, Fontes, Fliesler, Hamby, Bateman, Spangrud, Wiesner, and Yu voting "yes".*

- 5.** Approved minutes of the March 19, 2015 ITAC meeting.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **6. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents - Verbal updates from project sponsors**

Caltrans: reported about the Highway 17 Management/Access Plan meeting and distributed fact sheets. He also provided updates on the Highway 129 realignment project and Highway 17 wildlife connectivity project. He agreed to provide updated information on the Highway 9 project completion schedule.

Scotts Valley: Scott Hamby reported that the city re-evaluating turning lane needs for Mt. Hermon Road, Whispering Pines Drive, and Scotts Valley Drive; Scotts Valley applied for a \$1.3 million Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants, including new sidewalks on Kings Village Road.

RTC: RTC staff reported on the SAFE on 17 - 2014 Annual Report.

AMBAG: Eliza Yu announced the Planning Director's Forum taking place the first week of August; she reported that AMBAG has also started work on the Sustainable Community Strategy Implementation and Rural Transit project.

City of Santa Cruz: Claire Fliesler reported that the Wharf roundabout project is nearly complete; the city is working on a Major Corridor Analysis that includes Ocean Street, Water Street, Soquel, and Mission Street; the city has begun work on developing an Active Transportation Plan; she also reported the city is completed resurfacing the path on West Cliff Drive from Lighthouse to Mitchell Cove. Josh Spangrud noted that the city is also in working on speed feedback signs near schools and have a major repaving pavement program planned for the end of summer.

City of Watsonville Public Works: Murray Fontes reported that Safe Route to Schools projects are starting soon; bids for a new skate park are due this month; Highway 152 relinquishment/plans to make complete street design changes for Main Street; and an application submission for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for Segment 18 of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST).

County Planning: Russell Chen reported about storm damage repair projects scheduled for construction this summer, including project on Redwood Lodge, Highland Way, El Rancho Dr., Glenwood Dr, and Graham Hill Road.; several bridge projects; Felton Covered Bridge; guardrails on Alba and Granite Creek Roads; sidewalks infill on Dolphin Dr.; Twin Lakes beach front project out to bid; Rio del Mar roundabout is finished; slurry seal construction on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Felt, and 24 Ave; storm damage repair on Nelson Road completed; and the acute need for funds for paving and road maintenance.

### **7. Caltrans District System Management Plan**

Kelly McClendon reported on the draft Caltrans District System Management Plan. He noted that the plan identifies projects on the horizon and recommendations for managing existing systems. He clarified that the plan includes projects currently programmed to

receive funds, as well as priorities for new funds. He asked for input to ensure the plan includes all projects and modes on the state highway system.

#### **8. Independent Survey on New Local Revenue Options**

Karena Pushnik reported that RTC staff and community groups have been looking at options for a local transportation funding measure for the November 2016 ballot. She presented the results of a privately-funded poll of likely voters. She noted that this work builds on the approved Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which assumes a new 1/2-cent sales tax and vehicle registration fee. The committee discussed the poll results and what voters might support.

#### **9. Cruz511 Traveler Information Service for Santa Cruz County**

Tegan Speiser provided an overview of the Cruz511 mobile-friendly website that provides real-time traffic information, encourages the use of alternative transportation and supplies a wide range of traveler information and resources.

The committee discussed how Cruz511 will assist in teaching people how to use public transit and inquired on how more bike resources could be incorporated into the site.

#### **10. Draft Passenger Rail Feasibility Study**

Rachel Moriconi and Karena Pushnik provided an overview of the Draft Passenger Rail Feasibility Study. Committee members provided feedback on the study and shared outreach ideas.

#### **11. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by: Jennifer Rodriguez and Rachel Moriconi*